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**NH Insurance Department to Hold Annual Public Hearing on Health Insurance Premiums on Oct. 23**

**CONCORD, NH** – The New Hampshire Insurance Department will host its annual public hearing on health insurance premiums and medical care cost drivers from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, October 23, 2020, via webinar.

The hearing will include a report on the 2019 data submitted by health insurance companies in New Hampshire. Paul B. Ginsberg, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Health Policy at the Brookings Institution, will present *Moving Forward on Provider Alternative Payment Systems*. The hearing will include a public comment period.

In lieu of a panel with representatives from the health insurance companies, a similar discussion will take place that afternoon at a meeting of the Commission on the Status of Health Coverage Markets for Individual and Small Employers. The meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

“The New Hampshire Insurance Department’s annual hearing is an important opportunity to increase transparency and foster dialogue about health care costs in New Hampshire. Each year, we convene key stakeholders to examine what contributes to high health care costs,” said New Hampshire Insurance Commissioner Chris Nicolopoulos.

According to state law, the Insurance Commissioner “shall hold an annual public hearing concerning premium rates in the health insurance market and the factors, including health care costs and cost trends that have contributed to rate increases during the prior year.”

- The Hearing on Health insurance Premiums and Medical Care Cost Drivers is open to the public via GoToWebinar. Register for the live stream:  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3804488762192941072>
- The Commission on the Status of Health Coverage Markets for Individual and Small Employers is open to the public via Zoom.
  - Link to join Zoom webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/93418794964>
  - To listen via telephone: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): 1-929-205-6099, or 1-301-715-8592, or 1-312-626-6799, or 1-669-900-6833, or 1-253-215-8782, or 1-346-248-7799
  - Or iPhone one-tap: 19292056099,,93418794964# or 13017158592,,93418794964#
  - Webinar ID: 934 1879 4964
  - To view/listen to this hearing on YouTube, use this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjBZdtrjRnQdmg-2MPMiWrA>
  - The following email will be monitored throughout the meeting by someone who can assist with and alert the commission to any technical issues:  
[remotesenate@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:remotesenate@leg.state.nh.us) or call (603-271-3043).

### **About the New Hampshire Insurance Department**

The New Hampshire Insurance Department's mission is to promote and protect the public good by ensuring the existence of a safe and competitive insurance marketplace through the development and enforcement of the insurance laws of the State of New Hampshire. Contact us with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your insurance coverage at 1-800- 852-3416 or (603) 271-2261, or by email at [consumerservices@ins.nh.gov](mailto:consumerservices@ins.nh.gov). For more information, visit [www.nh.gov/insurance](http://www.nh.gov/insurance).

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